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Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Agim Nesho (Albania), on the basis of informal consultations

Improvement of the work of the Commission on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council, in order to improve the work of the Commission on Population and Development, decides:

(a) That, with effect as of the thirty-eighth regular session of the Commission on Population and Development, which is to be held from 4 to 8 April 2005, immediately following the closure of each regular session, the Commission shall hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chairman and other members of the Bureau in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council;

(b) That, without prejudice to the application of rule 10 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council to other functional commissions, the four-year term of office of members of the Commission on Population and Development shall commence at the first meeting of the regular session of the Commission following the election of the States concerned to membership of the Commission and shall expire at the closure of the regular session in the fourth year following their election;

(c) To extend to the conclusion of the thirty-ninth regular session of the Commission on Population and Development the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2005; to extend to the conclusion of the fortieth regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2006; to extend to the conclusion of the forty-first regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2007; and to extend to the conclusion of the forty-second regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2008;

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(d) That the pertinent provisions of General Assembly resolution 17
(XVII) of 11 December 1962 will apply only to the substantive part of the session
the Commission.